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SUBJECT: DISCUSSIONS WITH NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT

1. IN YOUR INITIAL SUBSTANTIVE CONTACTS WITH PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL AND FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL, YOU SHOULD, USING THE CONGRATULATORY LETTERS (SEPTELS) AS A STARTING POINT, SEEK TO PROBE THE POSITIONS THE NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO FOLLOW WITH RESPECT TO CYPRUS AND THE OTHER FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES WHICH TOUCH ON US-TURKISH RELATIONS. WE WOULD WELCOME YOUR ASSESSMENT AND SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS ONCE THIS INITIAL SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS ARE COMPLETED.

2. THE FOLLOWING ARE TALKING POINTS FOR YOUR USE IN YOUR INITIAL DISCUSSIONS:

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A. AS PRESIDENT CARTER STRESSED TO PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL IN LONDON ON MAY 10, THE U.S. DEEPLY VALUES AND WANTS TO MAINTAIN THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL SECURITY RELATIONS WITH TURKEY. WE BELIEVE THE US-TURKISH DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT IS THE BEST VEHICLE FOR MAINTAINING THAT RELATIONSHIP. THE ADMINISTRATION HAS

ALREADY PUBLICALLY ENDORSED THE AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE, AND
WISHES TO MOVE AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE TO SEEK

CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL SO THAT THE AGREEMENT MAY ENTER
INTO FORCE.

B. FULL RESTORATION OF A CLOSE US-TURKISH RELATIONSHIP,
GIVEN EXISTING CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES, CAN REALISTICALLY
RESULT ONLY WHEN STEPS ARE TAKEN TO RESOLVE THE CYPRUS
PROBLEM. A VERY IMPORTANT BEGINNING IN THIS ENDEAVOR WAS
MADE THIS YEAR. SPECIFIC TERRITORIAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL
PROPOSALS ARE NOW ON THE TABLE AND A NEGOTIATING FORUM HAS
BEEN RE-ESTABLISHED. THE EXISTING PROPOSALS MUST BE
REFINED AND CLARIFIED, AND MEANINGFUL GOOD FAITH NEGOTIA-
TIONS MUST BE RESUMED BY THE PARTIES. THIS CAN BE DONE
WITHOUT IN ANY WAY SACRIFICING THE SECURITY AND AUTONOMY
OF THE TURKISH-CYPRIOT COMMUNITY.

C. IN OUR VIEW, A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF CYPRUS IS IN
TURKISH NATIONAL INTERESTS AND SHOULD NOT BE DELAYED.
MOREOVER, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT DELAY ONLY HELPS THOSE WHO
DO NOT WISH TO SEE A CLOSE US-TURKEY RELATIONSHIP RE-
ESTABLISHED. IF THE CYPRUS MATTER CANNOT BE MOVED CLOSER
TO RESOLUTION BETWEEN NOW AND OCTOBER, WE FEAR THE ISSUE
WILL BECOME SUBJECT TO DEBATE AT THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
THE CSCE CONFERENCE IN BELGRADE AND PERHAPS ELSEWHERE.
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D. WE THEREFORE STAND READY TO BE OF ASSISTANCE. WE HAVE
NO PRECONCEIVED IDEAS OF HOW FUTURE AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT
MIGHT BE STRUCTURED. WHAT IS REQUIRED NOW IS THAT WE TALK
THE MATTER THROUGH TOGETHER, SO THAT WE KNOW WHAT YOU ARE
DOING AND WHAT YOU PLAN TO DO IN THE MONTHS AHEAD, AND YOU
BECOME MORE AWARE OF HOW WE THINK WE CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE
AND HOW YOU BELIEVE WE CAN BEST BE OF SERVICE. WE WOULD
WELCOME YOUR SHARING ANY THOUGHTS WITH US THROUGH OUR
AMBASSADOR. IF IT WOULD BE USEFUL, WE WOULD ALSO AT AN
EARLY DATE BE GLAD TO RECEIVE A TURKISH OFFICIAL IN
WASHINGTON OR SEND SECRETARY CLIFFORD, COUNSELOR NIMETZ,
OR SOME OTHER RANKING USG OFFICIAL TO DISCUSS THESE MATTERS
IN ANKARA OR ELSEWHERE IN WESTERN EUROPE. CHRISTOPHER

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